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District Man Indicted on Charges Stemming From Murder of Former Girlfriend's 20-Month-Old Child

WASHINGTON - Steven Allen Cephas, also known as, Savion Allen Dawson, 21, of Washington, D.C., has been indicted on charges stemming from the murder of his former girlfriend's 20-month-old son, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

Cephas was indicted on March 16, 2011 in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia on charges of felony murder, first degree cruelty to children, contempt, and obstruction of justice.

According to the government's evidence, on November 8, 2010, at 5011 Jay Street, NW, Cephas was babysitting his then-girlfriend's 20-month-old son, Dominic Dwayne Kingsbury, Jr., while she went to work. At about 12:30 a.m., he called her and stated that the child had stopped breathing. An autopsy indicated that the child suffered from multiple blunt force trauma. The evidence indicates that Cephas was the only person caring for the child at the time of his injuries.

An indictment is merely an allegation that a defendant has committed a violation of criminal law and is not evidence of guilt. Every defendant is presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty in a court of law.

The case was investigated by the Metropolitan Police Department and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Cynthia G. Wright.

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